MINUTES

California Postsecondary Education Commission

Meeting of June 12, 2000

Commissioners Guillermo Rodriguez, Jr., Chair

> present Alan S. Arkatov, Vice Chair

> > Carol Chandler Kyo"Paul"Jhin Lance Izumi Jeff Marston Velma Montoya Ralph Pesqueira Andrea L. Rich Roger Schrimp Kyhl Smeby Howard Welinsky

> > Melinda G. Wilson

Commissioners Robert Hanff

> Monica Lozano absent

Call to order

Chair Rodriguez called the June 12, 2000 meeting of the California Postsecondary Education Commission to order at 9:12 a.m. in the California Chamber of Commerce, California Room, Esquire Plaza, 1215 K Street, 14th Floor, Sacramento, California. He asked for a call of the roll.

Call of the roll Judy Harder called the roll and all Commissioners were present, except Hanff and

Lozano.

Announcements/ Welcome

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Chair Rodriguez welcomed all Commissioners, noting that Commissioner Rich was present

via telephone.

Approval of the minutes

A motion was made to adopt the minutes of the Commission meeting of April 3, 2000. It was noted by Director Fox that Commissioner Jhin asked that the minutes be amended to show that Commissioner Jhin had asked, during the June director's report, about the relative success at baccalaureate-granting institutions of community college transfer students and native freshmen. Commissioner Jhin said the response had indicated that transfer students sometimes do better. Commissioner Jhin said that the April 3rd minutes should also reflect that he had suggested that the Commission and the public higher education segments should produce public service announcements on higher education information for use on television and in other media. It was moved, seconded and approved without dissent to adopt the minutes, as amended.

Report of the Executive Director

Chair Rodriguez asked Executive Director Warren Fox for his report.

Director Fox announced that Commissioner's would receive a demonstration at lunch of the Commission's website. He said that new Commission student representative, Robert Hanff, is a summer interns at the White House and will, therefore, attend his initial Commission meeting in August.

Director Fox introduced new Commission staff that was present. He reported that the Commission had published a new report, *The Condition of Higher Education in California, 2000*" and that staff was working with the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (AICCU) to include additional information about that sector. Additionally, he said, the Commission had now released and widely distributed both the *Providing for Progress* and the *Policy for Progress* reports, together with *Moving California Ahead*, an executive summary that covers both other documents.

Director Fox said he had represented the Commission at a number of recent events, including a U.S. Department of Education meeting in San Francisco on the federal agenda for higher education. He said he had teamed up with Wally Boeck, Executive of the California Student Aid Commission, to make a presentation on a number of issues important to California at the USDE meeting. He said copies of the testimony are on the Commission Website. He went to a meeting in Denver of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE), to which Governor Davis had appointed him as a commissioner. He reported that WICHE has a new executive director and that California's relationship with that organization seems excellent. He said there have been discussions about some joint projects between WICHE and the Commission, specifically around the issues of teacher education and teacher quality.

Chair Rodriguez welcomed Commissioner Montoya, the new University of California representative, to her initial meeting.

Report of the Statutory Advisory Committee

Chair Rodriguez called upon Statutory Advisory Committee Chair Juan Yniguez for his report.

Mr. Yniguez said the committee had met on June 6, 2000. He said the discussion had centered on two main topics. The first was pending legislation to provide funds for an off-campus center in Crescent City of the California State University, Humboldt. He said the segments are in support of the Commission exercising its statutory role in reviewing such proposals. The second matter was the Commission's *Condition of California Higher Education*, 2000 report. As the representative of the AICCU, he had

voiced concern that the report does not carry sufficient information about the independent college and university sector. Mr. Yniguez said Commission staff had given assurance that future versions of the report would include such material.

Mr. Yniguez reviewed a number of items reported by the systems that update their respective activities, including reports on:

- The California Community Colleges continued work on the Partnership for Excellence program, and the progress made toward developing meaningful accountability measures for that program;
- The California State University progress on development of the Channel Islands campus, a completed inter-segmental needs study on nursing education for submission to the Legislature, and work completed on a MOU between UC and the community colleges on student transfer;
- The University of California college preparatory use of distance education technologies to provide AP classes at high schools, aid provided to UC employees and their families who were affected by fires at the Los Alamos Laboratories in New Mexico;
- The California Department of Education's Academic Improvement Achievement Program; and
- The AICCU efforts to improve community college transfers.

Mr. Yniguez reported that Christopher Cabaldon from the community colleges had been elected as the new committee chair, with Judith Ellis of the University of California now the co-chair.

Chair Rodriguez thanked Mr. Yniguez for his report and his service a chair of the committee.

Recess

Chair Rodriguez recessed the meeting at 9:29 a.m. in order to convene the Educational Policy and Programs Committee.

Reconvene/Recess

Chair Rodriguez reconvened the Commission meeting at 11:51 a.m. He asked Commission staff to continue to work with the community colleges and others on transfer-related issues. He said the goal should be to see what could be done to make the student transfer process work better and smoother. He recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:53 a.m.

Reconvene/Recess

Chair Rodriguez reconvened the meeting at 1:22 p.m. He announced that the Governmental Relations Committee would be taken out of order and called upon Committee Chair Wilson to convene that meeting.

Reconvene/Recess

Vice Chair Arkatov reconvened the meeting at 2:11 p.m. Director Fox explained that the Fiscal Policy and Analysis Committee would be convened next.

Reconvene/Recess

Vice Chair Arkatov reconvened the meeting at 2:31 p.m. Director Fox announced there would be a brief recess while staff set up for the next presentation and the reconvening of the Education Policy and Programs Committee.

Reconvene

Chair Rodriguez reconvened the meeting at 3:31 p.m. in order to take the report of the Governmental Relations Committee.

Report of the Governmental Relations Committee

Committee Vice Chair Izumi reported that committee had voted to adopt the changes on the legislative matrix as recommended by staff. A motion for adoption by full Commission was made and seconded. Commissioner Marston reported that there were two motions during the committee meeting. Chair Rodriguez said the motion on floor applied to the committee's first motion that did not include item 12, AB 2266 (Firebaugh). The motion on the floor passed without dissent.

Commissioner Marston said the second motion passed by the committee also adopted the staff recommendation to change the Commission's position to "support" from "watch" on AB 2266. He said he remained concerned about the Commission's credibility. He said the bill does not presently contain a dollar figure and he asked for a continued "watch" position. A motion was made and seconded to adopt a "support" position on the bill. After further discussion, a motion was amended to change the Commission's position on AB 2266 to one of "Support in Concept." It passed without dissent.

Committee appointment/recess

Chair Rodriguez announced that he was appointing, as recommended by the chair of the nominating committee, Commissioner Pesqueira as vice chair of the Fiscal Policy and Analysis Committee Chair Rodriguez recessed the meeting at 3:37 p.m. in order to reconvene the Fiscal Policy and Analysis Committee.

Reconvene/ Adjournment

Chair Rodriguez reconvened the meeting at 3:40 p.m. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned.